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**Office Action Summary**

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Examiner

Behrooz Senfi

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 April 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6 and 17 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7/15/2002.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101***

1. Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101, because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The claimed invention only claims an image and the characteristic of an image.

### ***Claim Objections***

2. Claims 6 and 17 objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claims, claim 6 (lines 2) recites "method for encoding a stereogram as a single colour image in any of claims 1 – 5, which should be replaced with in any one of the claims 1 – 5". See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claims 6 and 17 not been further treated on the merits. Claim 17 also objected for the same reason as stated above.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

3. Claims 1 – 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1 – 20 are unclear as to what each variable stands for. Each variable should be defined in the claim. Language such DK after K or DM after M, AM after M, AL after L, "for instance", AA, AAA, PR of P, SK and MS, MD, TDK of K, TDM of MM, TSM and etc., similar variable in all the claims 1 – 20 are unclear as to what is actually being claimed, also the phrase "for example", "for instance" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitation(s) following the phrase are part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

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4. Where applicant acts as his or her own lexicographer to specifically define a term of a claim contrary to its ordinary meaning, the written description must clearly redefine the claim term and set forth the uncommon definition so as to put one reasonably skilled in the art on notice that the applicant intended to so redefine that claim term. *Process Control Corp. v. HydReclaim Corp.*, 190 F.3d 1350, 1357, 52 USPQ2d 1029, 1033 (Fed. Cir. 1999). the terms "K, L and M" in the independent claims 1, 11 and 20 are used by the claim to mean "R, G and B", while the accepted meaning is "R, G and B." The term is indefinite because the specification does not clearly redefine the term.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Van Merode (4,480,263).

Regarding claim 11, Van Merode '263 teaches, "an optical filter pair for displaying or viewing a stereogram, the filter pair comprising a first filter FS and a second filter FD ..... " (i.e. fig. 2a), and "FS transmits K" (i.e. fig. 2a, filter 17) and "FD transmits L and transmits M and excludes K (i.e. fig. 2a, filter 14). As noted by Van Merode '263, it is known to obtain a full color signals by using 2 color difference signals. Although Merode '263 does not specifically show first filter transmits R-B and/or G-B.

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However use of color filter arrangement for transmitting R-B and/or G-B to obtain full color signals are well known in the art, Official Notice. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention was made to use two color difference signals as claimed to avoid complicated calculation.

***Conclusion***

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Behrooz Senfi** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-7339**.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Chris Kelley** can be reached on **(571) 272-7331**.

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